





Sunday, January 21, 2024 St. Cecilia Cathedral



### **Our Mission**

#### COFRADIA DEL SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU - GREATER OMAHA CHAPTER

- To help promote and proclaim the devotion to the Señor Santo Niño with belief that devotees may receive the graces they need to preserve and keep the Catholic faith vital
- To promote mutual assistance and cooperation among the members of the community and devotees
- To engage in religious and civic community activities for the upliftment of the people
- To maintain relationships and interactions with other Catholic institutions and providing assistance for charitable causes
- To sanctify its devotees, members, and their families through the recitation of the novena to Señor Santo Niño, active practice of their faith, frequent participation in the Holy Eucharist, confession, charitable works and social apostolate, and receiving of Holy Communion



### Sinulog / Fiesta Señor

### January 2024

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ALL MASS ATTENDEES ARE INVITED TO FOLLOW THE PROCESSION OUT THE MAIN DOORS AND INTO THE CAFETERIA TO CONTINUE THE FIESTA.







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## **PROCESSION**

### **Hermano and Hermana Mayores:**

Remy Liad Pecayo-Hemmingson and Gerry Hemmingson
\*Proxy - Romeo and Cynthia Ulanday

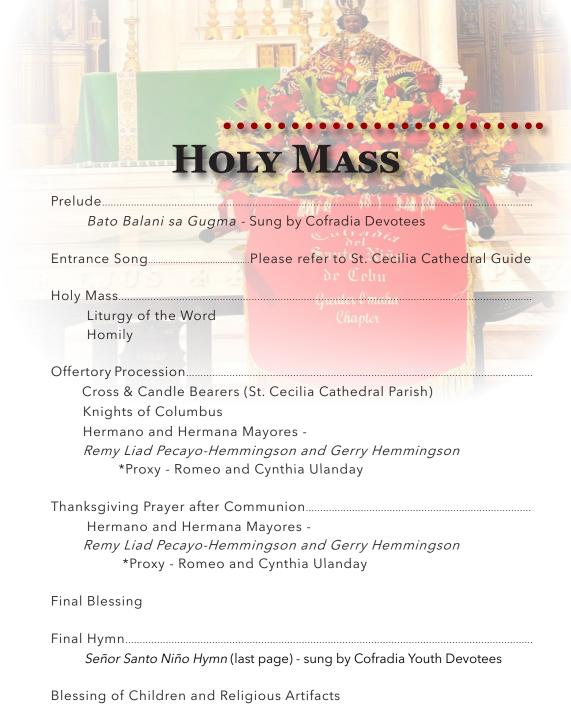
#### Celebrants

Rev. Fr. Jeremy Hans, *Pastor of St. Cecilia Cathedral* Deacon Tim Bloomingdale, *St. Cecilia Cathedral* 

### **During Exit Procession**

Traditional Sinulog Dance and Procession
Drummers
All Mass Attendees

All mass attendees are invited to join the procession out the main doors



### SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU A SYMBOL OF INFANT JESUS

he Santo Niño brought by Ferdinand Magellan is pictured like a little child wearing a long-sleeved silk shirt accented by a bib or lace ruff and a gold, embroidered vest over pantaloons.

A sash and belt, knee-high leather boots, and a cape of rich brocade complete the princely look. Various interpretations have been labeled to the clothes and accessories of the Santo Niño and also its gesture. It has be said that the Child Prince holds the kingly emblems. The crown signifies sovereignty and possession of all the material wealth of the empire. The scepter represents martial power and the right to dispense justice.

The orb conjures two images at once: the dominion of the Santo Niño over the world of creation and the sovereignty of Spain over a large territory of the globe in its role as defender of the Catholic faith.

This interpretation was contextually based during the Spanish era. However, new interpretations may be considered as time has passed. The image of Santo Niño de Cebu, if deeply contemplated, reminds and teaches us how to become a child in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Its clothing and accessories can tell us the entire life of Jesus. We can still view the totality of Jesus even though through this image of a child.

Above all these representations, we can assert that the image of Santo Niño is a total representation of Jesus Christ. He is indeed a symbol of a child God. "I mean here not only a little Jesus but also as an adult child of the Father."

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## **HISTORY**

OF THE PHILIPPINES AND SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO

The discovery of the 7100 islands in the Philippines has been linked to Spain's glorious chain of conquests. On September 20, 1519, Portuguese Navigator Ferdinand Magellan and his fleet set sailed from San Lucar de Barrameda to search for the Spice Islands. They landed, instead, in Limasawa, an island south of Leyte in the central part of the Philippines. Magellan took possession of the islands and named it after King Philip of Spain.

Magellan's expedition headed for Cebu and found the island very hospitable. He made Cebu the base of his exploration, Christianization and conquests. King Humabon and Queen Juana of Cebu gave him a warm reception and embraced Christianity as well. As gratitude to his hospitality, Magellan agreed to fight with king Humabon who was at war with the neigboring tribe in Mactan Island. Magellan was killed in the battle. His men returned to Spain.

Spain sent another expedition to the Far East Region with an Augustinian priest, named Andres Urdaneta. The world-known cosmographer who lived in Mexico led the expedition, which arrived in Cebu on April 27, 1565.

### DISCOVERY OF THE IMAGE OF THE SANTO NIÑO

Due to Cebuanos suspicion that the Spaniards' return would bring retribution to Magellan's death, another battle broke out. Heavy artilleries and huge cannons forced the natives to flee to the mountains, leaving behind their villages burnt to the ground. As Spanish soldiers surveyed the debris of the village, a

soldier found an image of the Child Jesus under the pile of ashes unscathed inside a wooden box.

A journal entry of Antonio Pigafetta, clerk in the Magellan expedition, explained the origin of Santo Niño: "On the day Queen Juana was baptized by Father Pedro Valderama, chaplain of that expedition, Pigaffeta himself presented her with the Image." The same Image now lies in the Basilica del Santo Niño and has become a favorite destination for millions of pilgrims each year. For four and half centuries now, the Image of Santo Niño continues to make wonders in the lives of many Filipinos. On the third Sunday of each year, in Cebu, millions flock to the streets for a colorful festivity to honor the Santo Niño; placing the Island and the entire Philippines under His Patronage.

During the last World War, a bomb fell inside the Church, but the Image was recovered unscathed. It was one of the numerous miracles and powers attributed to the Holy Image.

In 1965, the historic Santo Niño Church was renovated for the observance of the Fourth Centenary of the Christianization of the Philippines held in Cebu City. It was during the centennial celebration that the Sacred Congregation of Rites elevated the Santo Niño Church to the rank of Basilica Minore with all the rights and privileges accruing to such title.

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## SINULOG FIESTA PROGRAM

Master of Ceremony......Jairus Gonzales National Anthems "Lupang Hinirang"......Maria Grace Rodriguez Prayer and Opening Remarks......Rev. Jeremy Hans Blessing of the Food Luncheon Music Performance (throughout the Fiesta)......Carolos Manabat Cultural Performances "Itik Itik"......Cofradia Youth Devotees "Bahay Kubo".......Cofradia Youth Devotees "Sampung Mga Daliri".......Cofradia Youth Devotees "Lumad"......BFF Dancers "Nani Ka'alam (Beautiful Mountain on the Island of Oahu)" Hula..... Cori Villegas 

#### Children Games

\*\*Freewill monetary gifts throughout the program are always greatly appreciated. Maraming salamat po (Thank you very much!)\*\*

### Sinulog

A dance ritual honoring the miraculous image of the Santo Niño. The prayer dance moves to the sound of drums, reflecting the water current ("Sulog" or "Sug") of what was previously known as Cebu's Pahina River. The dance's rhythmic movements goes 1 step forward and 2 steps backward. The significance of the dance is the link between the Philippines' pagan past and its Christian present

### Pit Senyor

"Pit" in "Pit Senyor" is a shortcut of the word "Sangpit." The word means "to plea." When a person exclaims "Pit Senyor!," they are calling or pleading to the Santo Niño to please grant a prayer request for themself, relatives and/or friends. People can also say "Pit Senyor kang Nanay kini " or "Pit Senyor kang Maria kini! and so on. The hand movement symbolizes "Sangpit" or 'Pit," which is similar to when a person waves their hand to someone else to catch their attention.

 $(sinulog.ph/history-of-sinulog/\ and\ catholic filip in oaustraliang c. weebly. com/home/so-what-does-sinulog-and-pit-senyor-mean).$ 



### Rev. Fr. Nelson Zerda, OSA

Rector | Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño

"Señor Santo Niño is our Magnet of Love because He listens, He helps. However, biggest challenge to all of us is to become Magnet of Love ourselves. As devotees, we should not only receive His love and mercy but we should also be the giver of His love and mercy."

Rev. Fr. Alvin Raypan Homilist, 7th Day Novena Mass



Original image of the Santo Ni<mark>n</mark>o de Cebu in His Fiesta Señor 20<mark>24</mark> vestment and regalia



Let us celebrate as ONE with our Mother Chapter at the Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño de Cebu, and millions of devotees around the world!

## A message from

Most Rev. George J. Lucas

Archbishop of Omaha & Apostolic Administrator -Archdiocese of Lincoln

Dear Friends,

I am happy to send greetings to all who will gather at St. Cecilia Cathedral on January 21st for the 44th Annual celebration in honor of Santo Niño de Cebu. The theme for the celebration: Santo Niño, Magnet of Love in the Synodal Church" is a hopeful one.

The tradition of Santo Niño is rich in family and community fellowship, and I appreciate your efforts to continue this faith-filled tradition in honor fo the Christ Child.

May the Holy Child bring you joy and grant you the gift of peace.

With best wishes and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend George J. Lucas



Dear Friends and Devotees Señor Santo Niño

Grace and peace to you! As Pastor of St. Cecilia Cathedral and Spiritual Director of the Cofradia del Santo Nino de

Cebu - Greater Omaha Chapter, I extend a warm welcome to you on the occasion of our annual Sinulog and Festival. I pray that taking part in our celebration will renew your devotion to the Holy Child Jesus and fill you with His joy.

May this celebration also increase the bonds of unity among us, not only within the Filipino commun ity, but also among all God's children that seek our Lord's blessing and mercy. May it inspire us to bring the love of the Holy Child to all those around us.

May the Santo Niño bless you and your families abundantly throughout this year and always.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Jevemy J. Hans

## A message from

**Neneth Cavitt** 

President | Cofradia del Santo Nino de Cebu - Greater Omaha Chapter

As we gather today to honor Sto. Niño, let us come together in unity and gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon each one of us. This joyous occasion allows us to reflect on the significance of faith, devotion, and the enduring spirit of our people.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated priests who tirelessly support the organizations and communities devoted to Sto. Niño. Your selfless service enriches the lives of countless devotees and strengthens the fabric of our society.

To the devotees of Sto. Niño, your commitment to the Little Jesus serves as a source of inspiration for us all. In times of joy and challenges alike, your steadfast belief in the divine reminds us of the resilience that faith provides.

As we continue our journey this year, may the spirit of Sto. Niño guide us in our endeavors. May the teachings of the Little Jesus inspire us to embody love, compassion, and unity in our communities. Let us join together in proclaiming with all our hearts: Viva Señor Sto Niño! Viva Pit Senyor!

Neneth Cavitt



"The Hemmingson Family is thankful and grateful for this opportunity to be a part of the yearly celebration of our Holy Señor Santo Niño together with the Cofradia de Señor Niño of Greater Omaha. For the guidance, mercy and love of our dearest Señor Santo Niño everyday and for the continued blessings with good health and for keeping our family safe throughout the years we are forever grateful. To the Cofradia de Santo Niño of Greater Omaha, our continued support for the yearly celebration of our Holy Señor Santo Niño will continue.

VIVA PIT SEÑOR!"

Rev. Fk. Pacifico (Nohara, OSA happy and thankful for Cofradia del Sto. Niño de Cebu affiliated to the Mother Mother Chapter in 2019

am very grateful to the Holy Child - the Señor Sto. Niño de Cebu for the installation of another new Cofradia Chapter outside the Philippines. "I would like to highlight that this installation is an act of communion of faithful devotees and promoters of faith and devotion to the Holy \_Child. Indeed, I am very

International Spiritual Director the gift of new members Chapter in the Basilica. You are very welcome to

the community in the Basilica.

However, being your International Spiritual Director I would like to remind you that your primary responsibility is to become "promoters of devotion and will not be the cause of division." The challenge I want to convey to each of you is to truly embrace the vision and mission in our Constitution - to act and to live out our faith and devotion. Our membership is not something to increase the number of members or to gratify ourselves, but we became members because we are inspired by the love of our dear Sto. Niño and we ought to extend this love to our brothers and sisters. I am delighted to think and imagine everyone wearing something yellow or gold, the prescribed color of the Cofradia during the installation. It shows our unity, local and in abroad.

Congratulations my dear brothers and sisters on this momentous event in your Christian life as we continue our spiritual journey towards the 500 years of His presence in our country and for the gift of faith. It is my hope and prayer that Señor Sto. Niño de Cebu will continue to guide, inspire, and love you. I pray also that your Chapter will have a very meaningful and fruitful devotion and that all of you including your families would reap the spiritual blessings of this installation.

God bless you all! Maraming Salamat po! (Thank you very much.) Pit Señor!















## Installation of Cofradia del Sto. V Nino de Cebu - Greater Omaha Chapter





















# 44-YEAR HISTORY IN OMAHA OUR DEVOTION TO OUR SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO

n the Philippines and around the world, majority of the Filipinos are devout Catholics with strong devotion to the Miraculous Image of the Holy Child Jesus (Señor Santo Niño). This devotion traces its roots from the first days of Philippine Christianization in Cebu and throughout the 16th century when many occurrences which both new devotees and Church could only attribute to the divine powers of the Señor Santo Niño were experienced and documented.

In Omaha, Nebraska during the late 1970s, the family of the late John Rivera with the inspiration of his mother, the late Consuelo Tan Rivera, started the nine Fridays prior to the third Sunday of January of Novena prayers in their home. The family had their first celebration of the Sinulog Fiesta in their own way in 1981. Through the next few years, relatives and friends joined in their practice and increased in number. For many years, thereafter, the devotion and celebration grew immensely.

Through the constant support of the Archdiocese of Omaha, the thanksgiving fiesta honoring the Señor Santo Niño de Cebu continues to be celebrated yearly by hundreds of Filipino-American devotees in the Greater Omaha Community at Holy Cross Catholic Church and Saint Cecilia Cathedral.

In May of 2019, devotees from the Señor Santo Nño de Cebu - Greater Omaha Chapter traveled to Manila, Philippines for the 35th Cofradia Annual Convention. Together with hundreds of devotees from numerous Cofradia Chapters from around the world, they celebrated their devotion to the beloved Santo Niño.

On October 26, 2019 at Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Reverend Noel Cogasa, Vice-Rector for the Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño de Cebu installed its first official Cofradia (Confranternity) del Santo Niño de Cebu in the state of Nebraska.

As an official Cofradia, the former Señor Santo Niño de Cebu of Greater Omaha is guided by the mission and the administration principles of the Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño de Cebu. The Basilica is the home of the original religious relic of the Señor Santo Niño de Cebu in the Philippines, and a community who firmly believes in the word of God. This historic moment for the hundreds of Filipino-American devotees have been made possible with the strong support and prayers from the Archdiocese of Omaha, as well as prayers made by devotees to the Señor Santo Niño de Cebu from all over the world. ¡Viva Pit Señor!







## HONORING AND REMEMBERING OUR DEVOTEES

We honor and remember those devotees whose strong faith and love for the Señor Santo Niño were instrumental in leading the Cofradia del Sto. Niño de Cebu - Greater Omaha Chapter during the last 40 years.







Reverend Rafael B. Librea

Consuelo and Angelo Rivera John ("Johnny") T. Rivera

- † Emy Brion
- † Patrick Conway
- † Del and Pat Dargantes
- † Josefina Rodriguez Diaz
- † Michael Jensen
- † Eulogio and Lolita Macapinlac
- † Elvira Macapinlac
- † Gracia Pacana
- † Roberto and Encarnacion Rodriguez
- Ned and Perla Seldera
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- † Lakan and Carmencita Viacrusis
- † Amy and Ben Villosis
- † Members of the Brion Family
- † Members of the Datu Family
- † Members of the Gonzales Family
- Members of the Horn Family

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- † Members of the Pacana Family
- † Members of the Rivera Family
- † Members of the Rodriguez Family
- † Members of the Santocildes Family
- † Members of the Seldera Family
- † Members of the Toth Family
- † Members of the Torraca Family
- † Members of the Ulanday Family
- † Members of the Vescio Family
- † Members of the Viacrusis Family
- † Members of the Villosis Family
- † Members of the Yabut Family
- † All those who we hold dear in our hearts\*

Eternal grant unto their soul., O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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### A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

FROM THE COFRADIA DEL SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU - GREATER OMAHA CHAPTER

### iPit Senyor! Viva Señor Santo Niño!

Thank you very much! Maraming Salamat po! Salamat kaayo! Agyamanak!

Thank you Señor Santo Niño for a successful annual **FIESTA SEÑOR 2024.** Words are not enough to express our heartfelt gratitude for the immense dedication and tireless efforts made by those mentioned below. Together, they made this a momentous and joyous occasion.

Thank you to the Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño de Cebu and the Archdiocese of Omaha (Archbishop George Lucas and Rev. Scott Hastings) for their continued blessings and guidance; all Priests, especially Rev. Jeremy Hans (Pastor of St. Cecilia Cathedral), and Rev. Vitalis Ejike Anyanike (Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church), who are continuously instrumental in helping our organization remain the officially-recognized Cofradia del Sto. Niño de Cebu - Greater Omaha Chapter in Nebraska; and who celebrated mass during the 9-day Friday novenas.

To all our volunteers, especially those who have dedicated their time, talent, and treasure, importantly, including:

- Our officers & committee members (Neneth & Nat Cavitt, Ben & Nancy Gonzales, Ina Marie Louie, Eric & Bing Patdu, Maria Grace "Jai" Rodriguez, Romeo & Cynthia Ulanday, and Steve Zach)
- Dance instructors (especially Ina Marie Louie and Gemma Datu Toth)
- Performers (especially our Santo Niño Children Devotees Gianni Amatuli, Amelia, Anastasia, Alessandra, and Jack Anderson, Fionnuala Creswell, Jackson Franco, Millie and Marjorie Lehn, Mia, Sebastian, and Lana Louie, Gwendoline and Benjamin Rodriguez, Paisley and Porter Rodriguez, Zeke and Mackenna Walton, and Athena Whitesides; Cori Villegas, and BFF Dancers -Gemma Datu Toth, Reina Carreon, Maria Goodman, Khana Spencer, and Joy Vincent)
- Maria Grace "Jai" Rodriguez and Carlos Manabat
- Our kitchen helpers (Sabina Nixon and Team)
- Chantal Vargas, Nyssa Anoba, Clemens Lingad
- Our drummer (Ronnie Andres)
- Parents of our performers (Gina Smith Amatulli, Maria & John Anderson, Therese & Sean Creswell, Eddie & Gretchen Franco, Sheena & Tim Lehn, Ina & Wason Louie, Sammie & Jason Rodriguez, and Karen & Mac Walton)
- Community Partners

To the staff and parish members of St. Cecilia Cathedral and School, and Holy Cross Catholic Church for always welcoming us to utilize your facilities to prepare for our Sinulog/Fiesta Señor, and celebrate and share our devotion with all of you.

#### ALL OF YOU MADE THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL!

To the devotees and members, we celebrated together as a community for our love for our Señor Santo Niño with one another and those around us. We pray that today's celebration will enlighten you to continue strengthening and spreading your devotion to our Señor Santo Niño.



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& Family

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Reina Carreon & Family

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#### Prayer for the Helpess Unborn Heavenly Father,

in your love for us, protect against the wickedness of devil, those helpless little ones to who You have given the gift of life. Jouch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth, and all the needed care that a mtoerh alone can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Tord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### Confraternity of the Holy Child of Cebu -Greater Omaha Chapter



The devotees, members, and elected officers of the Cofradia del Sto. Niño de Cebu - Greater Omaha Chapter are committed to spreading and sharing the devotion to the Santo Niño de Cebu. We are honored to adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws set by the Cofradia del Sto. Niño de Cebu of the Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño de Cebu (Mother Chapter).

For more information about our non-profit organization registered through the State of Nebraska, please contact Neneth Cavitt (President); Eric Patdu (Vice President); Maria Grace "Jai" Rodriguez (Secretary); Benjamin Gonzales (Treasurer); Romeo Ulanday (Auditor).

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## Señor Santo Niño Hymn

### Verse 1

One day to these islands as gift and in pledge, God sent You to us O beloved Child, And always You have been the light of our souls. The guide of our people the flame in our hearts. (*Refrain*)

### Refrain

Señor Santo Niño, with Your scepter Guide our people Who hail You king Forever, all the earth now is Your kingdom. Señor Santo Niño, in Your hand the world finds its rest. Proclaim Your truth and justice, bring to men Your peace and love.

### Verse 2

The ship You were sailing arrived at our shores to conquer this land,

All over of the seas; but You had decided to stay on this soil to conquer our people and give us a name. (Refrain)

### Verse 3

Now one as a nation, we pay You respect. Our people did pledge a long time ago. We ask You to hear us as we stand a pray to save the forsaken, the poor and the sick. (Refrain)

## PIT SENYOR!